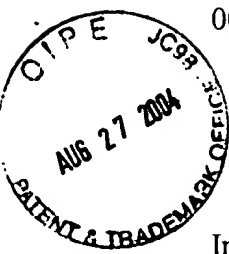


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PATENT APPLICATION



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	:	Group Art Unit: 1733
Application No.: 09/934,694)	
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	
TUBULAR FILM (AS AMENDED)	:	August 27, 2004

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action, dated July 15, 2004, in the above-identified application. A Response to the Official Action is due on October 15, 2004, and has not yet been filed. In the interim, this Request for Acknowledgment is being filed to address a formal matter in the application.

The above-identified application is a divisional of Application No. 09/199,3447, filed November 25, 1998, which is a divisional application of Application No. 08/552,932, filed November 3, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,944,930.

Applicants filed a Claim to Priority along with a certified copy of the priority document in Application No. 08/552,932 on April 8, 1996. Enclosed is a copy of that

Claim to Priority and date-stamped postcard showing receipt of these papers in the U.S.
Patent and Trademark Office in the parent application.

The Application Data Sheet filed with the parent application shows both domestic
and foreign priority information. Enclosed is a copy of the Application Data Sheet.

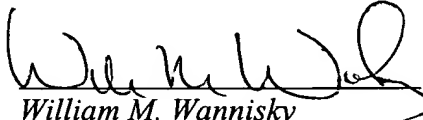
To date, Applicants have not yet received acknowledgment of that Claim to Priority
in the present application. Also enclosed is a Claim to Priority for inclusion in the present
application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledged receipt of the certified
copies of the priority documents.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office
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